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what it takes to be a committee chair. I feel as though I have always been honest with people and I have worked hard at any assignment I have been given and I would expect that I would do the same thing if I am so elected to chair this committee. I assure you the members of the Retirement Committee, Senator Stuhr, Senator Crosby, Senator Lynch, Senator Chris Peterson, Senator Wehrbein, I will work with you and with your help we can maintain the type of leadership that you have had and are accustomed to from the previous chairman of that committee. So, I am asking for your support and to allow me to work with you in this position. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Janssen. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares nominations closed. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move that Senator Janssen be elected Chairman of Retirement Systems Committee by acclamation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Motion is to elect Senator Janssen Chair of the Retirement Committee by acclamation. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Senator Janssen is elected. Congratulations, Senator. The last committee chairmanship is the Transportation Committee. The Chair declares the floor open for nominations. Senator Dwite Peterson.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Madam Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature, I place my name in nomination for Chairman of the Transportation Committee. When I came to the Legislature five years ago, I asked to be placed on the Transportation Committee and the Judiciary Committee and I was one of the lucky few that got both of my requests. I have enjoyed the Transportation Committee immensely. I have learned a lot, but I have got a lot to learn. All I can tell you is that when I was elected, I was elected to serve my constituents in District 39. If I am elected to be the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, my job is to serve you, my colleagues, and then hence, serve the people of the state of Nebraska. I tell you I will be as honest and as fair and consistent as I can be. I will work my hardest to do the job and learn the job even more than I do now. Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor and colleagues.